

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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Let's celebrate summer...

...with a barbecue or picnic at Widemouth Bay on Saturday, July 4, and then wok it off with either a five or three-mile walk, starting and finishing at the seaside.

Everyone who wants to have a picnic/barbecue on the beach meet at Widemouth Bay beach at 12.30pm (the sandy beach closest to Bude and not Black Rock, the southern, rockier end of the long beach).

For those who prefer to have lunch provided, there are the Bay View or The Beach close at hand, and they can make arrangements amongst themselves.

We will all meet up at 2pm in the Widemouth Bay beach car park for a walk; choose from two routes - one of five miles into Bude by the cliffs and back by the canal or the second which is approx. three miles with the turn off the cliffs at Upton and back via the canal.

Would all those planning to join either walk please notify Jenny Worth at jaw53@hotmail.com and if there is a problem on the day call her on 07766592519 so the starts are not delayed?



Thank you, Jenny

A BIG vote of thanks was given to Jenny Worth at the May committee meeting for all she does in ensuring the visits to Plestin go so smoothly by booking the coach and ferry and doing all the organising. Chairman Jill presented Jenny with a patio rose in a pot on behalf of all the twidders.

FLYING THE FLAG FOR TWINNING – WITH COFFEE AND CROISSANTS

FRENCH berets, stripy tops, banner and bunting will be the order of the day for twidders on June 27 when we run our annual coffee and croissant table at the Rotary Victorian Market in the square. The morning is not so much a fund-raiser as an opportunity to support a community event and promote the twinning association.

It's delightful to have the opportunity to chat with so many people from the town – especially those twidders who come along to give us moral support.



FILM FOCUS

Get into the holiday mood

LAST French Film night before the summer break, so we have a summer holiday theme with *Les Vacances de M. Hulot*. This is a 1953 French comedy film starring and directed by Jacques Tati. **Film night is Tuesday, 30 June; deadline for booking your meal is Wednesday, 24 June.**

Les Vacances de M. Hulot introduced to the film-going public the pipe-smoking, well-meaning but disastrously clumsy character of Monsieur Hulot, who appears in Tati's subsequent films, including *Mon Oncle* (1959), *Playtime* (1967), and *Trafic* (1971).

The film gained an international reputation for its creator when released in 1953, with huge box-office success of 5,071,920 admissions in France. The story follows the misadventures of M. Hulot (played by Tati himself), as he joins the newly emerging holiday-taking classes for an August vacation at a modest seaside resort.

The film affectionately lampoons several clichéd figures in post-war France, from chubby capitalists and self-important Marxist intellectuals to petty proprietors and respectable bourgeois couples, most of whom find it nearly impossible to free themselves, even temporarily, from their fixed social roles, to relax and enjoy life.

Typically of Tati films, there is very little dialogue, just a few scattered phrases, lots of expressive gestures and behaviour, and masses of visual humour as the hapless Hulot lurches from one harmless crisis to the next.

To book your meal, please tell Carolyn Burch carolynburch@btconnect.com (01566 785171) which meal(s) you want and send a cheque (£15 per person) to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP.

- Lamb paysanne with spinach stuffing
- Spiced pork with mango and avocado
- Coq au vin – classic French dish with red wine, mushrooms, bacon lardons and caramelised onions.



We've got dates for the 2016 visit by our Plestin twins!

THE dates are Friday, April 8, until Monday, April 11. These days have been requested by Plestin with special regard for families with children because they come at the end of the Easter holidays. (Easter Sunday will fall on March 27 next year and for most local schools April 8 will be the last day of the holidays.)

This will give us plenty of time to plan an interesting itinerary for our guests - bearing in mind that we could be experiencing snow - or a heat wave - in April.



Candid camera – Jacques captures the essence of twinning... eating, drinking and chatting!

Jacques Cadou, the official French photographer, has taken a huge number of charming and informal photographs of the May twinning visit. Just about everyone – French and English – has been captured by Jacques. He supplied well over 100 photos and most are now on the website!

So, if you've got a few minutes, bring back some happy memories by viewing a slide show on our website at <http://launcestotwiningassociation.weebly.com/gallery.html> Thank you also to Andy and Maureen who supplied some additional photographs.



Diary Dates

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| June 27 | Twinnings serve coffee and croissants at Launceston Victorian Market in the square 10am-noon |
| June 30 | French film night, Jericho's, Launceston, 7pm |
| July 4 | Widemouth Walks, picnic 12.30 and walks starting 2pm. |
| August 9 | Fingle Bridge picnic and walk (details next issue) |
| Nov 18 | Annual General Meeting, Trethorne Leisure Centre |
| 2016 | |
| April 8-11 | Visit by Plestin twinnings to Launceston |